

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63  
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tommie Goodwin,  
former Mayor of Trenton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Tommie Goodwin, an exemplary public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, Tommie Goodwin served as Mayor of the City of Trenton from 1983 until his death on November 25, 2002; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure, Mayor Goodwin was able to accomplish progressive improvements for the city - all of which being far too numerous to list - including an industrial building program that brought more than a dozen industries and scores of jobs to the city; he also helped improve fire ratings that saved citizens money on insurance premiums, and acquired numerous grants to renovate housing, make street and utility improvements, improve playgrounds, and move people from dangerous flood plain areas, all the while decreasing the property tax burden on Trenton citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goodwin did not limit his efforts to the City of Trenton; he also worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to improve his county and region, successfully realizing

his vision of a YMCA facility for the city and the entire northern area of Gibson County. He was also instrumental in the completion of the Gibson County Lake, serving as Chairman of the Gibson County Lake Board; he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the West Tennessee Rail Authority, and was Chairman of the Gibson County Industrial Board; and

WHEREAS, many of Mayor Goodwin's efforts, including his service on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League (he was President of the League in 1993-94), the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund, and Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool as Chairman benefited cities and towns across Tennessee and the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goodwin was recognized as Mayor of the Year in 2000 by the Tennessee Municipal League on behalf of all cities and towns across the State for his successful efforts in the City of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Tommie Goodwin was the epitome of Southern grace, charm, and hospitality; his charm and good nature are reflected in his wife, Arleen; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goodwin's outgoing personality, sense of humor, infectious laugh, and spirit of true dedication to public service made him a beloved and respected figure throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goodwin's passing leaves a void that will be difficult to fill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Tommie Goodwin, former Mayor of Trenton, and express our condolences to Arleen Goodwin and the Goodwin family on his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.